Town of Acton Open Space Committee August 6, 2015 Acton Town Hall - Room 126

Attendees: Andy Magee, Peter Ashton, Terry Maitland, Matt Mostoller, Franny Osman, Susan Mitchell-Hart, Joe Will, Fran Portante, Sue Kennedy, , Bettina Abe, Michaela Moran, Paula Goodwin.

Meeting started at 7:35 am, Peter Ashton took minutes

Minutes of 6/05/15 were approved

Update on Magoon Parcel: Appraisal came back. Some issues related to the assumptions and limiting conditions as it might affect use of CPA funds being investigated. Will know more after review.

Update on Anderson and Hryniewich parcels: Nothing new.

Update on Choate Parcel: The Committee must make a recommendation to the Selectmen as the 120 day notice will expire near the end of the month. Acton received notice that property was being taken from Ch. 61A in order to sell the 3 lots that would be developed. This would create funds to develop the artist's community that Belle had wanted. The Committee noted the low value of the Acton piece in terms of open space; the Littleton parcel (over which we have no control) is what has value and Jim D'Agostine has indicated he will preserve this and follow Belle's wishes. Littleton looking for this assurance in writing as is Acton. Motion made and seconded to recommend that the town not exercise its option in the 61A notice. Motion passes unanimously. Peter to write a letter to the BOS.

Update on Stonefield Farm parcel – appraisal: Ashley Davis of SVT reported that Paul Simeone wants to go forward with appraisal. Simeones will contribute \$1,500 to the appraisal; ACT will contribute \$1,500 as well and the town will pay the rest; motion made and seconded to go forward with the appraisal; passes unanimously.

Discussion of 12 Summer Street Parcel: Interest in this property expressed by Cemetery Commissioners; issue remains the price; awaiting review from Town Counsel.

Discussion of Donohoe Proposal: Address is 501 Massachusetts Ave. Mark Donohoe would like to sell abutting 3.5 acre parcel in combination with 3.5 acre gift to the town. Appraisal completed.

Discussion of River Street (Lazaro) Property: Lazaro would like to sell but price was high. Appraisal has been done. Some soil remediation has occurred on site. Looking to set up a meeting to try to negotiate price; Terry M. volunteered to represent OSC.

Next Meeting – September 11, 2015, 7:30 AM Meeting adjourned at 8:35 AM